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Advisor for Management, ICAPS

14 March 1947

Assistant Director for Operations

Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories.

1. Pursuant to directive, subject as above, dated 25 February 1947, there are attached hereto:

Tab "A" - Memo from Chief, Documents Branch, giving estimate of cost of project, and

Tab "B" - Memo from Chief, Documents Branch, recommending a complete and accurate survey be made by qualified document personnel before further implementation of the project.

2. Should ICAPS decide, after consideration of Tab "B", to make a more complete survey of Enemy Document Repositories before going further into the project, it is recommended that those making the survey be directed to investigate each repository for documents dealing with all types of intelligence in addition to political-social-psychological warfare.

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Tab "A" (in dup)

Tab "B"

By L7, 3-6-47,  
w/ incs.

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13 March 1947

**MEMORANDUM TO THE PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**THRU: Assistant Director for Operations**

**Proposed Project for Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories**

1. Proposed exploitation would involve the employment of personnel by Central Intelligence Group to complete the extracting, cataloging and abstracting of all materials related to political-social-psychological warfare available in enemy document repositories in the United States and outside the continental limits of the United States.

2. This project has been drawn up in collaboration with [redacted], ORE, as directed.

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3. The Ad Hoc Committee appointed to consider the document situation has given the following estimates in its memorandum on the Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories.

a. That in the United States there would be the following volume of material to be processed: Seven tons in the German Military Document Section, fifteen thousand microfilm frames in the State Department, twenty five hundred documents in the Library of Congress and eighty seven thousand five hundred documents in the Washington Document Center.

b. That outside the continental limits of the United States there would be two main repositories - Tempelhof Collection Center in Berlin and Halstead Document Center in London. The Ad Hoc Committee's memorandum further states that information as to volume of material in these two centers is unavailable.

c. That seven analysts should be employed and that a maximum of two years from date of activation should be allotted to complete this project.

4. Based on these estimates of the Ad Hoc Committee it is believed that the total cost of this project to be allotted from vouchered funds would be eighty two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$82,950). This can be broken down as follows:

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a. Personnel and salaries

1 - P-5 analyst (Chief, European Team)	11800
2 - P-4 analyst	19600
4 - P-3 analyst	<u>34000</u>
	65400

b. Traveling expenses	65400
c. Housing and living expenses	3800
d. Operational supplies	10250
	<u>3500</u>

Total

82950

5. This project has been recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Intelligence Advisory Board to consider the document situation.

  
Acting Chief  
Documents Branch

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

Proposed Project for Exploitation of Enemy Document Repositories

1. Please find enclosed project on exploitation of enemy document repositories prepared as requested. I should like to add a few comments on this project which I trust you will find neither malapropos nor ill-advised.

2. Allow me first to annotate categorically the Committee's Memorandum.

a. Washington Document Center.

It is stated that 70% of 125,000 document backlog contains material on political-social-psychological subjects. This is followed by what seems slightly incongruous, i.e. that half of these are economic. Has this given you the true impression that there is just 35% of this backlog dealing with the subjects in question?

In the recommended personnel, there is allotted 1 Japanese translator. Was it ever considered that he could only abstract and catalogue approximately 7,800 documents in two years or less than ten percent.

I believe that insufficient clarification has been made as to whether they are concerned with political-social-psychological documents covering strategic areas only or for such documents on the entire world. For Documents Branch let me definitely clarify this point. For strategic areas Documents Branch has processed all documents received regardless of subject. The low-priority backlog deals with French Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies. Moreover this backlog will be processed in the next five months along with current material.

b. German Military Document Section

Information from GMDS reveals that the seven tons, stated in memorandum, is now down to about four tons. Haushofer's Library the largest source for information of this type is completely catalogued.

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c. Tempelhof.

Information reveals that the French now are disputing the Kulturabteilung files and would like to make them unavailable to U.S. and U.K. This might be considered before further action is taken.

d. Halstead

Informed source states that there are only technical documents at Halstead. Their two specialties - guided missiles and armament.

3. Realization of the four points mentioned above would seem to lead to the conclusion that:

a. A new complete and accurate survey should be made by qualified documents personnel.

b. An immediate effort should be made to clarify the Tempelhof situation and then effort expended in processing the Kulturabteilung files here if State is going to microfilm them.

/s/   
Acting Chief  
Documents Branch

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